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Hearst, as his newspapers show, is supporting Parker almost as earnestly as Bryan is.

Mr. Bryan could help some, however, in Nevada, as it is not yet certain that that State will be for Roosevelt.

Why not make the Hon. Dave Evans chairman of the Democratic State committee, with full power to put up the money?

St. Petersburg finds that it cannot rely on reports of great slaughter, unless they are of the slaughter of Russian troops.

Our Councilmen were inclined to be indignant when they found on their return from St. Louis that the Mayor was out of town, enjoying himself.

Some self-sacrificing man willing to take blame in November for a bad defeat, is much desired for the chairmanship of the Democratic State committee.

Only small portions of their old speeches can be used by Democratic orators in this campaign, which is one good result of the nomination of Parker.

Just to show that they cannot be frightened by the anti-trust plank in the St. Louis platform, several of the big trusts will contribute to the Democratic fund.

However, the money question will not be regarded by Utah Democratic leaders as irrevocably settled, until they know how much is coming from their National committee.

Nordica cannot keep her promise to spend a portion of the summer in the Utah mountains with her husband, for several reasons, including the one that just at present she has no husband.

Utah Democrats are, of course, justified in claiming that they have a good chance to carry the State, as they must convey that idea to those who are to distribute the Parker campaign fund.

The County Commissioners are doing commendable work in taking up and making prominent the question of our roads, under the plans submitted by County Surveyor Swendsen. There is nothing that is of more practical benefit to the whole community, city and country, than good roads. By means of them the farmers and gardeners can bring to the city their produce easily, quickly, cheaply; they can haul and sell larger quantities and make more money over good roads than over bad roads. If the money that has been spent on roads in this county the past twenty-five years had been spent on a systematic and scientific plan, and the work carried on under expert supervision, we would by now have roads that would always be in good condition, upon which full loads could be hauled at all seasons of the year. All the Commissioners have to do in order to earn the eternal gratitude of the users of the roads and those who get the benefit of having the roads in good condition (the two classes embracing pretty much everybody), is to insist on carrying out the road work according to the best expert methods, and to keep doing it in all the road expenditures.

The Russian Black Sea squadron, which has been overhauling and stoppering mailships in the Red Sea, and which has recently made a prize capture, is liable to make a stir in Europe hardly less than is made by the actual war in the Far East. The stoppage and seizure of mails is protested against by both Great Britain and Germany, and the former power is moving her Mediterranean fleet to the scene of the activity of those Russian war vessels, with a distinct disavowal of any connection of such movement with the acts of the Russian squadron, while Germany confidently counts upon the disavowal of the acts of the Russian commander who robbed the German steamer of her mailbags. It is conceded that the merchant ships may be searched for matter contraband of war; but it is denied that the contents of the ships, be they mailbags or anything else, can be removed for the purpose

of searching them elsewhere. The further point is made that Turkey in allowing these Russian cruisers to come out of the Black Sea, has violated neutrality, and is to be counted an ally of Russia in the war, to the extent that the Anglo-Japanese treaty may be called into play. Evidently, the activity of that Russian fleet in the Red Sea is likely to do Russia but little good and a world of harm.

PLENTY OF WATER FOR STRAWBERRY.

It is good to have Professor Swendsen's assurance that there is plenty of water in the streams that form the headwaters of the Duchesne river, and streams available for the purpose, to fill the proposed reservoir in Strawberry Valley. That reservoir, when filled, will be one of the greatest in the whole country, having a capacity of upwards of two hundred and fifty thousand acre feet, and Professor Swendsen's judgment that it is the finest natural reservoir site he ever saw must go far to establish it as a practical proposition.

It is conceded that the waters of the Strawberry creek alone would not be enough to make this reservoir worth while. But the proposition is to bring the flow of a number of other streams to that valley, and use their waters in filling the reservoir. The water so obtained, it is shown by measuring the flow, and especially with an eye on their food stages, will be ample, and to spare, to fill the great reservoir which nature has in such considerable part made there.

Whether the cost of diverting this additional water would be available, is what the preliminary investigations now making are designed to demonstrate, with the probability that the water is so desirable that it will be well worth its cost. It is certainly to be hoped that the investigations will show favorable results, for the water is of no real value where it runs to waste on the east side of the range, but on this side it would be of the very highest value.

This same Strawberry Valley reservoir project belongs to the Greater Utah Irrigation plan, adopted by the State Arid Land Fund Reclamation Commission, which was received so favorably in the Interior Department, and is one of the most interesting features of that plan.

THE RIO GRANDE WESTERN EXTENSION.

Every one in this State will rejoice in the announcement that the Rio Grande Western is prepared to ask for bids on construction for the seventy-five miles of road which will carry the track of that company from Marysville over to Cedar City. The grade stakes are set, the estimates have been worked out, and on the letting of the contract, actual work will begin.

This marks the preparations for the final completion of a plan which has been in contemplation for some twenty-four years. The first survey on this road will be constructed on that old line, Chief Engineer Burgess, and some grading was done in one of the canyons, to hold the right of way. Probably the road will be constructed on that old line, as it was found by much preliminary work to afford the easiest and best route through the range.

The new line will lead the Rio Grande system into the riches of the great iron region of Iron county. It will also probably induce the building of the "cut-off" road from the vicinity of Richfield over to Green River, where, as we believe, there is the best place in the West to build a great iron plant. At Green River there is a plentiful, unfailing supply of water; coal in abundance is near by, and only the iron ore would be to haul, and this for a distance by no means burdensome. It looks as if the portion of Utah where these operations are to be conducted, is on the eve of a development which will be both extensive and substantial.

Colombia appears to be waking up to the greatness of the United States as never before. Consul-Alban G. Snyder, at Bogota, writes that in consequence of a great many requests for catalogues of various kinds of American goods, such as watches, knives, shoes, rifles, shotguns, revolvers, engineering goods, drawing instruments, and all kinds of sporting arms and ammunition, he is exhibiting as many catalogues as he can get of the manufacture of such goods, and that he keeps an open reading-room two hours each day for access of all inquirers for such articles. It is evidently a good lead for an opening for the export of American manufactures of this description, and the prompt taking advantage of it by American manufacturers would no doubt lead to an extension of demand and supply into many other channels of trade.

Probably the report of the removal of M. Legrave from the management of the French exhibit at St. Louis, has something to do with the recent scandal which has been run to earth in France. It was charged, on the authority of M. Leon Chabert, that M. Legrave told M. Edgar Combes, son of the Prime Minister, that the monks of La Chartreuse were willing to pay two million francs to be let alone, and to escape the decree expelling the religious orders. The Chambers investigated the story, found that the Prime Minister hadn't heard of the alleged offer to bribe; but the young Combes had been told of it through his close friend, Chabert, but the latter could give no particulars, and finally confessed that it was a story he had made up out of his own fancy; the monks had in fact made no such offer, so far as he knew.

But the part of M. Legrave in the matter put him into unenviable notoriety, and the rumor came that he was to be recalled from St. Louis and the Commissioner who represented France at the Chicago fair would succeed him. But this was denied, and there the matter rests.

ANOTHER CASE OF MISFIT.

An attempt is made by some of the Eastern newspapers, notably by the Springfield Republican, to offset the failure of the Democrats to say anything on the financial question, by the silence of the Republican platform on the question of independence for the Philippines. But the attempt is ridiculous; for the failure of the Democrats to speak on finances was because of the utter inability of the two factions of the party to agree on anything that could be said; both of these factions recognized the importance of the question, and the need of saying something, but neither could say it because everything proposed was blocked by the opposing side. The Philippine question, on the other hand, is no issue, is of no practical importance at this time, and was left out of the Republican platform because it was unanimously agreed that there was no possible need to say anything.

But what did the Democrats say about the Philippines? They declared that we must "set the Filipino people upon their feet free and independent to work out their own destiny." A proposition utterly impracticable, as making us responsible for the doings of an erratic and untrained people, who not only do not know how to rule themselves, but whose first steps would be practically certain to involve international complications of the gravest character.

There were Filipino delegates to the Democratic convention, but so far from asking anything of the kind proposed by the Democratic platform, they took the ground that the Republicans do toward those islands. In their application to be admitted as delegates to the Democratic national convention, they unwittingly demonstrated that they really belonged in the Republican convention at Chicago, and not in the Democratic convention at St. Louis. It seems that the convention, held in Manila on the 30th of April, which selected these delegates, adopted a platform declaring the following points:

That the Philippines and the United States are firmly united.

That a territorial government similar to that in Porto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands should be granted at the earliest possible date.

That there should be free trade with the United States on the same basis as with Porto Rico.

That the incoming of American capital should be made more attractive.

That there should be a non-partisan government and the largest possible measure of home rule, with the delegation of all important powers to the Philippine commission.

That the army and navy of the United States are entitled to praise for having pacified the islands.

These points the delegation from the Philippines made a part of their printed appeal for admission to the convention. And yet the convention, while admitting the delegates as a "visitors" declared that it disapproved altogether of the platform upon which they appealed for admission, and especially antagonized the first proposition, which was the keynote of the whole, and the only basis upon which the delegates could claim, or the convention admit, any right for them to appear in an American political convention.

It is but another of the many incongruous, feeble, and inconsistent things done by the defunct National convention of Democrats. The Filipino delegates knew what they were talking about; the Democratic convention showed utter ignorance of the subject, and a prejudice that is dense as it is deplorable.

A change ordered by Secretary Taft at West Point is causing some stir there. Hitherto it has been the practice to allow the graduates to choose which arm of the service they will go into; and under this practice the highest in standing of the graduating class have generally chosen to go into the engineers, the next in standing into the cavalry, then the artillery, and what was left were sent to the infantry. It was claimed that this was a marked incentive to the cadets, as giving them their choice in the arm of the service in which they would serve, this being a spur to them in their studies. But Secretary Taft thinks that this method was objectionable, in that it frequently put men into a branch of the service for which they are not adapted, thus failing to get the best out of them. He has accordingly ordered that there shall be no such liberty of choice among the graduates, but that a board of army officers shall assign the graduates to duty on the basis of examinations of their tastes and fitness. The new rule is expected to yield better results than the old, and it probably will, after the feeling against the change wears off.

Recent Washington advices to the Wall Street Journal are published under the headline "No More Silver Dollars" as follows: "No orders have been given for the coining of silver dollars during July. No coining can be executed without specific orders from the director of the mint, and it is expected that no orders will be given to coin more silver dollars. There remains of the silver bullion of 1890, purchased under the Sherman act, only \$5,041,200, and this will be used for subsidiary coins." In this both of the great parties coincide, the Republicans by the adoption and carrying out of the gold standard, and the Democrats by acquiescing in it and conceding that the financial issue is settled.

HAVE ABANDONED THE WEST.

From the Kansas City Journal.

Apparently the Democratic leaders by choosing both their nominees from the East and pulling out the money issue have abandoned the West and anchored their hopes upon the East and South. But the East (that part of it considered doubtful) and the South, even if they should vote solidly, cannot elect their ticket. They must have help from the West. Where are they going to get it? That is the question, or one of the questions, which the Democratic managers must sit at night with. Unless they can figure it out satisfactorily they cannot entertain any reasonable hope of re-electing Mr. Roosevelt.

CUTTING, STINGING TRUTH.

From the Springfield Republican.

It is very far from our desire to criticize Judge Parker's course too harshly, or to impute to him motives as all dishonorable. Yet the cutting, stinging truth of Mr. Bryan's statement in the convention, Saturday night cannot be laughed away. It is a manly thing," said Mr. Bryan, "for a man to express his opinion before the convention adjourns. It would have been manlier to have expressed it before the convention met."

SPICE.

"I suppose you would call to your father if I attempted to kiss you." "Certainly I would. By the by, it's unfortunate about papa. He's almost as deaf as a post."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"United we stand," thundered the Democratic orator in the convention. "Oh, I don't know," interrupted an observant brother, "it seems to me that divided we stand."—Cleveland Leader.

"Every dollar I have was made honestly," he assured us. "Thus being assured that he didn't have enough of them for us to bother about, we continued to sit him off our visiting list."—Cleveland Leader.

Caller—You never play the violin in public. I presume, then, you do it solely for your own amusement.

Host—I am afraid I do. From certain remarks dropped by the neighbors I have been led to think it doesn't amuse them at all.—Philadelphia Press.

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